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CALENDAR

APRIL 3, 2004

DSWS Earth Day Celebration

850 Hungerford Dr., Rockville
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

APRIL 22, 2004

Earth Day (Observed)

MAY 17–18, 20–21, 2004

**Montgomery County
Recycling Awareness Week**
School Recycling Performances

MAY 19, 2004

**Business Recycling
Awards Presentation**
Gaithersburg Hilton

MAY 20, 2004

**DSWS Sponsored
School Poster Contest**
Awards Reception



IS YOUR BUSINESS PLANNING TO CELEBRATE EARTH DAY IN APRIL?

If so, please call DSWS
to have a staff member attend
and set up a recycling education
booth at your event.



Think Recycling—Not Just on Earth Day

For the past 34 years the observance of Earth Day has increased an individual's awareness of the environment and the critical need to conserve, recycle, and maximize resources of our planet. Across our nation and locally there are countless educational displays and public participation events scheduled during this timeframe at schools, community centers, and businesses alike. Unfortunately, in some instances, as quickly as this day comes and goes, so do thoughts of recycling.

The Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services is dedicated to promoting principles of reducing, recycling, and reusing materials such as office paper, cardboard, newspaper, aluminum and bi-metal cans, glass and plastic bottles and jars, and yard trim in businesses and at home EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR. Business recycling is also the law in Montgomery County. County staff are available to assist with setting up and evaluating existing recycling programs, and offer educational materials in various languages.

This year, the Division of Solid Waste Services is celebrating Earth Day 2004 on Saturday, April 3, 2004 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is open to everyone and will take place at the Montgomery County Public Schools Headquarters cafeteria located at 850 Hungerford Drive in Rockville. Come see an energy efficient electric car and learn all about recycling, waste reduction, buying recycled, composting, and more. There will be tours of the Montgomery County Recycling Center with buses departing every fifteen minutes from 850 Hungerford Drive. For more information, call the Division of Solid Waste Services at **240-777-6400** or check our Web site at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling.



Making Recycling Cents



Steve Hash says his company has always recycled.

PhotoPro has been in business in Kensington for 20 years. From the start, owner Steve Hash says his company has always recycled. At first it was merely reusing

the influx of cardboard boxes and styrofoam peanuts/packaging materials that came from other vendors as shipping materials for packages sent to their customers. But after a short time, because the majority of their business is walk-in trade, the number of packages received was much greater than those sent out. Resourcefully, Steve and his staff of 15, began bagging the styrofoam peanut materials and transported these to local self-storage businesses for reuse. Working with County staff and his waste hauler, Steve obtained and reviewed the recycling guidelines. Through the addition of separate recycling containers, he was able to set up a full recycling program that simplified his waste management process and decreased the amount of materials hauled away as trash. Steve also reported that the start-up cost was minimal but has now realized dollar savings in not only actual removal costs, but also employee time required to manipulate or haul materials to other sites.

Currently the shop recycles mostly cardboard boxes, packing material, and glass and plastic bottles. Steve said that recycling is not just something that should be done because it's the law. At his company he observes that the younger staff members often take a lead role in promoting social responsibility through recycling, but agrees it's everyone's responsibility and something that they should do. Steve was pleased with the helpfulness of

County staff in getting the recycling program in place. Lastly, he encourages other businesses to participate in this worthwhile process that can save money over time.



JessAnn Peterson has been the parish administrator for **Grace Episcopal Church** for almost four years. Grace Episcopal had a very informal recycling program for parishioners and a separate program for the school. When she was told that the church needed to institute a formal recycling program within 30 days, JessAnn contacted her waste hauler to assess the current requirements and determine the number of containers required.



The Grace Episcopal Church recycling program has generated positive comments from its congregation.

Materials recycled by the parish include aluminum cans, glass and plastic bottles, paper, and corrugated cardboard, all of which are placed in labeled recycling bins. JessAnn said that setting up the program was easier and less time-consuming than expected and that the bins and training materials required were readily available.

This program has garnered strong support not only from the church administrative staff, but also generated positive comments from its congregation. Educated through their Sunday Bulletin, some of the 300 parish members have suggested strategic locations where recycling containers could be placed to maximize compliance. JessAnn noted that recycling requires fewer trash pickups and has helped her cut waste management costs and save money.

Have a business recycling success story to tell? Need help in getting your recycling program started?

Contact Alan Pultyniewicz at 240-777-6400 today.



ENFORCEMENT CORNER

Montgomery County Executive Regulation 109-92AM requires all businesses to recycle. In addition, property owners are required to provide recycling collection services and storage space for recyclable materials to their tenants.

SORRT Program staff are available to help your business or organization comply with the County's recycling requirements. Failure to recycle or provide recycling collection services will result in a written warning, ticket, and/or fine.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

December 2003

Tally Ho Restaurant, 9923 Falls Road, Potomac. Not recycling the required materials.

Westfield Shoppingtown Montgomery, 7101 Democracy Blvd. Not recycling the required materials.

January 2004

Alvin L. Aubinoe, 7507 Arlington Rd., Bethesda. Property owner not providing recycling collection services for their tenants.

Izora Restaurant, 1117-1119 East-West Highway, Silver Spring. Not recycling the required materials.

The following large establishments did not file the Annual Recycling and Waste Reduction Report by the February 1, 2004 filing deadline:

Verizon, 650 Park Avenue, East Orange, NJ.

Wal-Mart, 20910 Frederick Road, Germantown, MD.

World Headquarters of the Seventh-Day Adventist, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD.

Insignia/ESG, Inc., 555 11th St., NW Washington, DC.

Bloomingdales, 11305 Rockville Pike, Kensington, MD.

**As of March 3, 2004,
these businesses are in compliance.**



Recycling Checklist

Commercial properties and businesses **MUST** recycle the following materials if these products are generated:



White office paper



Newspapers
(including inserts)



Corrugated cardboard



Glass bottles and jars



Aluminum and bi-metal
food and beverage cans



Plastic food and
beverage containers



Yard trim (grass,
leaves, and brush)

Businesses are encouraged
to voluntarily recycle
the following materials:

- Mixed paper
- Scrap metal
- Toner cartridges
- Pallets
- Computers

PET#1 and HDPE#2 Plastic and Newsprint Prices Rally in Early 2004



Recycled Commodity Market Prices

Average Recycled Commodity prices in US dollars for loose materials, unless indicated.

New York Market*

March 7, 2003 and March 3, 2004.

	March 7, 2003	March 3, 2004
Paper (\$/ton)		
**Newsprint #6	10	20
Magazines	0	0
Corrugated cardboard containers	28	25
*Sorted office paper	33	25
*Sorted white ledger	80	80
***Computer printout	55	55
Metals (\$/ton)		
Steel cans	28	37
White goods	28	30
Glass (\$/ton)		
Flint (clear)	21	26
Amber (brown)	9	11
Plastics (\$/ton)		
PET#1	160	300
Natural HDPE#2	280	440
Colored HDPE#2	140	280
***Combination HDPE	80	80
Metals (\$/ton)		
Aluminum cans	680	680

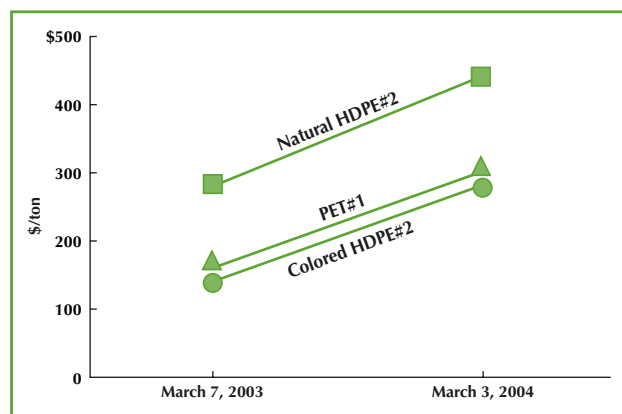
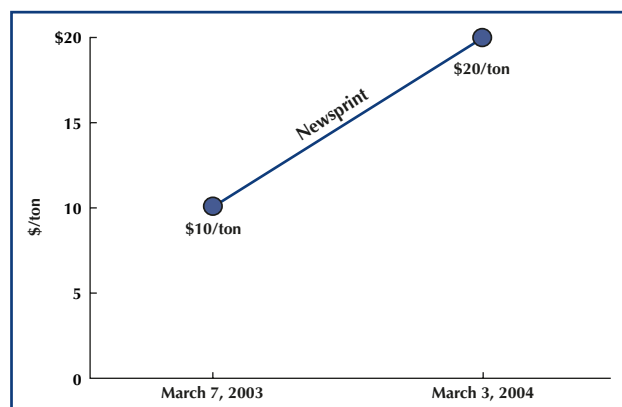
*New York prices were selected because they represent a large Mid-Atlantic market

**Items indicated baled & picked up

***as of 2/08/02

New York Recovered PET#1 and HDPE#2 Plastic and Newsprint Prices

Baled Material Picked Up at Seller's Dock



For the first two months of 2004, plastic prices led the way, increasing dramatically as compared to the same cycle in 2003. Colored HDPE#2 increased 200%, PET#1 prices rose by 188%, and Natural HDPE#2 improved by 157%. Sorted ledger paper prices remained constant while newsprint prices increased by 100% during this timeframe from \$10 to \$20/ton.

Prices rose 17% for steel cans, and aluminum cans remained stable at \$680/ton. White goods prices improved around 10% during this period. Prices for both clear and colored glass showed a general 20–25% increase in pricing.

To join SORRT or learn more about business recycling,
call Alan Pultyniewicz, Program Manager for Montgomery County's SORRT Program.

240-777-6400; 240-777-6442 (TTY);

240-777-6465 (fax); e-mail: recycle@montgomerycountymd.gov

VISIT US AT OUR WEB SITE: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling



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FUN FACTS

Did you know . . .

- ☐ The average person generates 82 pounds of glass bottles and jars per year.
- ☐ Recycling just one glass bottle saves enough energy to light a 100-watt light bulb for four hours.
- ☐ Glass containers are recycled into new glass bottles and jars, fiberglass insulation, glassphalt (asphalt) and more.
- ☐ It would take 1,000,000 years for a glass bottle to decompose in a landfill.
- ☐ Recycling 1 ton of glass saves 10 gallons of oil.



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Recycling for Businesses

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Recycling for Multi-Family Properties

(240) 777-6400

County Transfer Station

(301) 840-2370

County Recycling Center

(301) 417-1433

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